

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated December 28, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 15-25 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claim 15 has been amended. Claims 1, 3-5 and 15-25 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,133,967 to Moon (hereinafter "Moon"). Claims 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,545,730 to Hwang (hereinafter "Hwang").

The rejection of claims 15-25 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 15-22 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein the length of the conductive layer is shorter than the length of the storage capacitor electrode." Moon does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. In Fig. 8D of Moon, the length of the conductive layer is longer than the length of the storage capacitor electrode. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-22 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 23-25 depend from claim 15 and are allowable over Moon for the same reasons as stated above. Further, Hwang fails to cure the deficiency of Moon, so claims 23-25 are allowable over Moon and Hwang.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

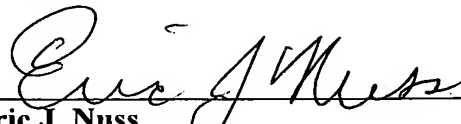
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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